

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final amendment filed on February 13, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30; renumbered as 1-6, 9, 7-8 and 10-20, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the after-final amendment filed on February 13, 2007. Claims 1-20 are amended; and none of the claims are cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-30 are pending in this application.
2. In response to the amendments made in claims 1-20, the rejections of claims 1-20 under 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph made in the previous office action are withdrawn. According to lines 12-19 on page 9 of the specification, the term "storage medium" (included in the amended claims 1-20) does not cover/include any signal-bearing media including transmission media such as digital and/or analog communications links, which may be electrical, optical, and/or wireless.
3. Claims 1-30 are allowed; and renumbered as 1-6, 9, 7-8 and 10-30, respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-30 are allowed for the same reason(s) as stated in the previous office action and reiterated below:
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

None of the prior arts of record teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, all the limitations of the amended claims of the current invention (claims 1, 20-21, 26 and 27); particularly a method and a system for ensuring the data consistency of a group comprising at time t_1 , creating a first snapshot of a first list that identifies a first

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group of objects and attribute value corresponding with each object in the first group of objects; after at least part of a task is performed, at time t_2 , creating a second snapshot of a second list that identifies a second group of objects and attribute value corresponding with each object in the second group of objects; and comparing the first snapshot with the second snapshot.

Claims 2-19, 22-25 and 28-30 further limit the allowable independent claims.

These claims are therefore allowable for the same reason as set forth supra.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hetul Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-4184. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim can be reached on 571-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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